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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims:

1-4. (Canceled)

5. (Currently Amended) A method for gluing a bandlike covering or film onto a narrow face

of a board element or a surface of a profile bar with adhesive, said narrow face or surface

having a surface profile, the covering or film being pressed onto the narrow face of the board

element or surface of the profile bar by means of at least one pressure element wherein the

covering or film is pressed on by means of a pressure element which has an elastically

deformable pressure face that deformably matches and exerts uniform pressure independent

of thea shape of the profile of the narrow face of the board element or the surface of the

profile bar, wherein movement of the board element or profile bar along its length, in relation

to the pressure element, occurs while the covering is uniformly pressed onto the narrow face

of the board element or the surface of the profile bar.

6. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the adhesive is a hot melt adhesive.

7. (Original) The method of claim 5, wherein the board element comprises chipboard, fiber

board, or solid wood board.

8. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 5, wherein the deformable face comprises an

elastic band.

9. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 8, wherein the elastic band comprises spring-

steel.

10. (Currently Amended) A method for uniformly adhering a bandlike covering onto a

narrow face of a board element, the method comprising the steps of:

a) providing a pressure element that includes an elastically deformable pressure face

that is capable of deformably matching and exerting uniform pressure on the narrow face,

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<u>independent of a shape of said narrow face</u>, said pressure element having a length which is less than that of the narrow face; and

b) uniformly adhering the covering and an adhesive onto the narrow face with the pressure element.

11. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 10, wherein at least one of the pressure element and the board element is moving during the step b).

12. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 10 wherein the pressure element has a length which is substantially shorterless than that of the narrow face.

13. (Canceled)

14. (Currently Amended) A method for uniformly adhering a bandlike covering onto a narrow face of a board element or a surface of a profile bar, the method comprising the steps of:

a) providing a pressure element that includes an elastically deformable pressure face that is capable of deformably matching and exerting uniform pressure on the narrow face or surface, independent of a shape of said narrow face or surface; and

b) moving at least one of the pressure element and the board element or profile bar, relative to the other, while uniformly pressing the covering onto the narrow face or surface with the pressure element, along the length of the board element or profile bar, thereby uniformly adhering the covering onto the narrow face of the board element or surface of the profile bar.

- 15. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 13 14, wherein the pressure element has a length which is substantially shorterless than that of the narrow face or surface.
- 16. (Currently Amended) A method for gluing a covering onto a workpiece with an adhesive, said workpiece having a cross sectional surface, the covering being pressed onto the workpiece by means of at least one pressure element wherein the covering is pressed on

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by means of a pressure element which has an elastically deformable pressure face that deformably matches and exerts uniform pressure on the cross sectional surface independent of thea profile of said cross sectional surface, wherein movement of the workpiece along its length, in relation to the pressure element, occurs while the covering is uniformly pressed onto the cross sectional surface.

17. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein the covering is a bandlike covering or a film.

18. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 16 wherein the workpiece is a narrow face of a board element or the surface of a profile bar.